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Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country" was included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution 55/154 of 12 December 2000.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 24th and 26th meetings, on 9 and 13 November 2001. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/56/SR.24 and 26).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country. [1]

5. At the 24th meeting, on 9 November, the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country introduced the report of the Committee (see A/C.6/56/SR.24).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.15

6. At the 24th meeting, on 9 November, the representative of Cyprus, also on behalf of Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica and Côte d'Ivoire, introduced a draft

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 26* (A/56/26).

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resolution entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country" (A/C.6/56/L.15).

7. At its 26th meeting, on 13 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.15 without a vote (see para. 8).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

8. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country,[2]

Expressing deep condolences to the families of the victims of the heinous acts of terrorism of 11 September 2001, as well as solidarity with the Government and people of the host country,

Recalling Article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations,[3] the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations[4] and the responsibilities of the host country,

Recalling also that, in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI) of 15 December 1971, the Committee should consider, and advise the host country on, issues arising in connection with the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations,

Recognizing that effective measures should continue to be taken by the competent authorities of the host country, in particular to prevent any acts violating the security of missions and the safety of their personnel,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations and conclusions of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country contained in paragraph 37 of its report;[2]

2. *Considers* that the maintenance of appropriate conditions for the normal work of the delegations and the missions accredited to the United Nations and the observance of their privileges and immunities, which is an issue of great importance to them, is in the interest of the United Nations and all Member States, and requests the host country to continue to take all measures necessary to prevent any interference with the functioning of missions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts made by the host country, and hopes that the issues raised at the meetings of the Committee will continue to be resolved in a spirit of cooperation and in accordance with international law;

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[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 26* (A/56/26).

[3] Resolution 22 A (I).

[4] See resolution 169 (II).

4. *Notes* that during the reporting period the travel controls previously imposed by the host country on staff of certain missions and staff members of the Secretariat of certain nationalities remained in effect, and requests the host country to consider removing such travel controls, and in this regard notes the positions of affected States, of the Secretary-General and of the host country;

5. *Notes also* that the Committee anticipates that the host country will continue to ensure the issuance, in a timely manner, of entry visas to representatives of Member States, pursuant to article IV, section 11, of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations,[4] inter alia, for the purpose of their attending official United Nations meetings;

6. *Requests* the host country to continue to take steps to resolve the problem relating to the parking of diplomatic vehicles in a fair, balanced and non-discriminatory way, with a view to responding to the growing needs of the diplomatic community, and to continue to consult with the Committee on this important issue;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to remain actively engaged in all aspects of the relations of the United Nations with the host country;

8. *Requests* the Committee to continue its work in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI);

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country".